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Haikota, 12 June 2010 - Members of the farming community in Haikota sub-zone who are engaged in irrigation farming stated that they are also striving to ensure animal feed so as to raise milk and meat productivity.

Noting the rising prices of milk and meat as a result of shortage of animal feed, he indicated that the farmers are actively engaged in cultivating animal feed so as to tackle the problem, and that the livestock have now sufficient supply of it.

The manger of Homib Animal Husbandry, Mr. Andeberhan Kifle, explained that the plant is doing its level best in efforts to achieve food security, and that various cattle are being imported for animal breeding. Over 12 hectares of animal feed is being cultivated through irrigation farming to this end, he added.

Mr. Kibrom Teklemariam, rangelands expert in the sub-zone, said on his part that the Agriculture Ministry is working diligently to ensure animal feed and that about 15,000 different seeds of these items have been distributed to the farming community.